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DEVELOPMENT

**Public art the
final hurdle
for a massive
condo project**



**Matt
Kieltyka**
Metro | Edmonton

The final roadblock for a luxury downtown condominium's development permit is public art.

The Jasper House condo project has the potential to revitalize the city's warehouse district, according to its Toronto developer, Brad Lamb, but the 36-storey project has been stuck in the city's rezoning and permitting process since 2014.

City planner Andrew McLellan said Tuesday the finish line is in sight.

"I don't think it's useful to get into a debate about whose fault it is, or anything. But there have been some hurdles that have had to be overcome along the way and we are getting into the final stages of that process," McLellan said.

Before the city will grant Lamb

Development Corp. that long-awaited permit, it wants more information on the required public art contribution, of up to \$150,000, at Jasper House.

Specifically, McLellan wants to know how accessible the planned installation will be and whether it adds to the public experience.

Reports last year suggested the developer intentionally delayed the project due to Alberta's slow economy, something Lamb denies.

"By no means am I complaining. I'm happy with how the city process has treated me. But the reality is that you cannot build a building without a permit," Lamb told Metro Tuesday. "We have had our foot to the gas since I closed on this in 2014. Buyers are unhappy, the media likes to talk about why this thing is late but it's got nothing to do with us. It has to do with the process."

After that is sorted and a development permit is secured, Lamb will need a building permit before breaking ground.

Best-case scenario for that, he said, is early next year. But it will be worth the wait.

"I'm interested in this area," Lamb said.

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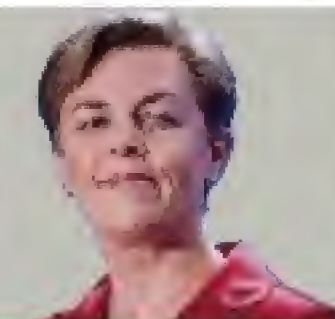
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Q&A

Janz's last day as chair

Tuesday marked Michael Janz's last meeting as chair of the Edmonton Public School Board.

Janz has been outspoken during his two-year term as chair, including on the Edmonton Catholic School Board, but announced last week he is stepping down to focus on fatherhood after the birth of his son, Miles.

As Janz exits, Metro caught up to talk schools and boards.

Answers have been edited for space.

Is there anything you won't miss about being board chair?

The difference in workload between being a chair and a trustee is enormous. So I'm really looking forward to stepping up my swaddle game with Miles and working on improving my diaper changing ability on evenings and weekends. It's going to be nice to have a little more time to spend with my youngest.

What's the biggest issue facing the Edmonton Public School Board right now that you feel is most pressing?

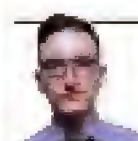
We are seeing more and more babies and our kindergarten classes are going to be fuller and fuller each year. So we need to ensure that we have new schools, new spaces and new infrastructure.

KEVIN MAIMANN/METRO

School board needs to share more, trustee says

EDUCATION

'Fortress mentality' stops joint facilities: Grell



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

An Edmonton Catholic School Board Trustee is calling for more sharing of buildings and resources with other school districts, even though the provincial organization representing Catholic trustees is against it.

Patricia Grell put forward a notice of motion at Tuesday's board meeting advocating to the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association to repeal policies that constrain collaboration with non-Catholic school districts.

The association currently has a policy opposing the joint use of school buildings with public boards "in any manner that has the effect of undermining or interrupting the full permeation of Catholic values and beliefs."

Grell, however, said Catholic-public facility sharing has worked out in Innisfail and Sylvan Lake.

"We have examples in the province of these joint facilities, and I don't see that the sky has fallen," she said.

"I guess I just kind of wonder if this policy is based on fear



Catholic board trustee Patricia Grell said she wondered if the board's policy was "based on fear and not fact." KEVIN TUONG/METRO

and not fact."

Grell said a similar partnership could work out in the future in southeast Edmonton, where the Catholic St. Gabriel school and public Hardisty are both aging and struggling with low enrolment in the same neighbourhood.

She is also calling for greater collaboration with libraries, health centres and community groups.

"I don't see why we need to have almost a fortress mentality, of keeping to ourselves and

keeping separate, keeping our students from interacting with non-Catholic students. I mean, they play on hockey teams together, they play on soccer teams together," she said.

Woodcroft Elementary School closed years ago in Grell's neighbourhood due to low enrolment, and she feels it's had a negative effect on the community.

The Catholic board is expected to vote on Grell's motion on March 21.

Edmonton's Catholic and public boards collaborate on

busing to save money under the Edmonton Student Transportation Authority, but do not share any buildings.

Outgoing Edmonton Public School Board chair Michael Janz said his board has a longstanding "pro-sharing policy" and welcomes collaboration with any other board.

"All of us have to think creatively about how we use our scarce capital funding to best achieve the educational outcomes of our ever more complex students," Janz said.

Catholic trustees association president Adriana LaGrange said in an emailed statement that Catholic and public districts collaborate in various ways but there are "certain boundaries that cannot be crossed."

"To respect our freedom to worship, symbol, and ritual and to respect the freedom of those who do not want this permeation of faith a certain level of space and separation is required," she wrote.

"We will not compromise those principles."



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'It can be very isolating'

MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

Choosing name, gender made easier for students



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Changes that will allow MacEwan University students to modify their preferred name and gender on school systems are "incredible and welcome," said one student leader.

Jason Garcia, VP student life for the Students' Association, said he'd pushed for the changes after hearing from students who have been outed as transgender or non-binary when a professor read their birth name off a class list, or when their email address didn't reflect their chosen name.

"It can be very isolating and invalidating," Garcia said.

University officials announced late Monday that they've streamlined the process for students, staff and fac-



Jason Garcia is VP student life for the Students Association of MacEwan University.

KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

ulty to update their first or last name to one of their choosing.

For gender, people can pick male or female, or fill in a blank with another identifier.

The changes will affect things like student lists and

IDs, but legal names will still appear on legal documents like transcripts.

The decision is part of a larger shift toward making documentation more inclusive for people who don't identify with

a traditional gender binary. The University of Alberta added a third gender option to their application form last year.

Back in 2015, Alberta also stopped requiring transgender people to have had surgery be-

fore being allowed to change their documents.

But Jan Buterman, past president of the Trans Equality Society of Alberta, said some hurdles still remain.

"It's now much easier (to choose your gender on documents) but that doesn't mean it's equally easy for people who are transgender to change their documents," he said.

In Alberta, people who are transgender still have to submit a doctor's letter to change their documents.

"Requiring someone to prove that they maintain their gender is discriminatory," Buterman said. "When someone is cisgender (meaning a person whose gender and identity match their birth sex) and you have to go get your birth certificate no one asks you to prove you're maintaining your gender."

Still, he called MacEwan's decision to make things easier for students "amazing."

"Long story short, this whole notion of what your identity is versus what your identification says is really important."

OPEN DATA

City set to chalk up a first



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton looks set to become the first Canadian city to adopt the International Open Data Charter, but one critic says it will take more than a declaration to improve access to information.

Speaking at an executive committee meeting Tuesday, city officials recommended adopting the charter, a document that outlines best practices for the release of government data.

Edmonton would be the first Canadian city to do so, if city council approves the recommendation next week.

The goal is to make Edmonton more transparent, said Mayor Don Iveson.

But adopting the charter only goes so far, according to Ward 11 city council candidate Troy Pavlek. He suggested the city and the province need to work together so that data is released more efficiently.



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Zachary Weeks faces many barriers when he uses his wheelchair to get around Edmonton. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

TRADE

Trump's plans a mystery



Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Not even American lawmakers know what their leader has planned, said Alberta Premier Rachel Notley, ahead of a possible meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump's administration Wednesday.

Notley has been in Washington, D.C., since Feb. 26 to advocate for Alberta businesses amid talk of possible American protectionist policies and border adjustment taxes, which could decimate the \$84 billion in trade last year between the province and its southern neighbours.

So far, Notley has met with governors, senators, the U.S. ambassador to Canada and influential think-tanks, such as the Heritage Foundation, but not with anyone in Trump's inner circle. She expects that to change.

"We are hoping to have a meeting with administration officials (Wednesday)," Notley told media on a conference call Tuesday.

Based on her observation, Notley still doesn't know what moves Trump may take on taxing Alberta energy products at the border. Neither do the people she's met.

"It's still somewhat speculative," she said. "I can't remember the different positions among the different think-tanks but there was not a consistent position around the value (of a border adjustment tax). That's the kind of thing you pick up in the news to some degree, that it remains a matter of significant debate."

It's "impossible to speculate on the eventual outcomes of the decision-making process underway at the highest levels of the U.S. government," Notley said.

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A couple of times I've got stuck and a passerby gives me a shove and off I go again.

Zachary Weeks

City gets tough on sidewalk space

ACCESSIBILITY

Developers may get dinged for taking up room with signs



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

It took Edmonton until this year to consider an idea Calgary has had since 1988: Charging developers for taking

sidewalk space.

Following an earful struggling citizens gave city council members Monday about sidewalk hazards, traffic operations acting director Darryl Mullen said Tuesday that Edmonton is considering charging developers for taking up public space during construction.

Mullen said companies would be motivated to re-open sidewalks faster if they were being charged for taking up the space with signage.

"It creates that monetary

incentive for the contractor to be more efficient," he said. "There are potential revenues, but we have to explore that further."

Calgary has used this approach for 29 years, in the form of a daily street permit.

"Not only does it keep us in the loop to ensure work that is being done is following safety protocols, it makes sure the we're not repeating work," said Calgary roads spokesperson Chris McGeachy.

Mullen said Mayor Don Iveson's inquiry into sidewalk

hazards earlier this year prompted the city to look at updating its policies.

"We're seeing a lot more development and construction, so this really is an opportunity to improve," he said. "We will be in contact with Calgary to get more information on their best practices."

Edmonton is also looking at updating its snow and ice policy to better accommodate pedestrians.

Snow buildup along sidewalk curbs has been problematic for Zachary Weeks, who

requires a wheelchair.

"I'm really fortunate that we live in a city where there's been a couple of times I've got stuck and a passerby gives me a shove and off I go again," he said. "I have to be proactive and go out when it's safe to do so."

Mullen said Edmonton will also consider rejigging how signs are currently placed on sidewalks. That could mean smaller signs and ones that notify pedestrians far in advance before they come across the hazard.

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Tory hopefuls talk turkey

POLITICS

Leadership candidates aim to woo party's heartland

An appeal to families, an appeal to values, an appeal to the oilpatch and an appeal to Edmonton Oilers fans — leadership hopefuls in the Conservative party's heartland went straight for its heart Tuesday as they squared off yet again in a bilingual debate.

Thirteen of the 14 candidates crowded onto a stage in Edmonton to put their campaign policies on display and occasionally spar over popular themes like carbon pricing, the perils of a Justin Trudeau government and dusting off the notwithstanding clause to overrule liberal courts.

The 14th candidate, businessman Kevin O'Leary, opted out of the debate, claiming the all-candidates format offers little opportunity for meaningful debate. Instead, he held his own gathering with party members at a downtown hotel across the street.



A man dressed in a chicken suit, a reference to Conservative leadership candidate Lisa Raitt calling Kevin O'Leary a chicken for skipping the debate, outside the MacLab Theatre in Edmonton on Tuesday. CODIE MCLACHLAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In a 90-minute question-and-answer session, O'Leary reiterated his goal to run the federal government on a rational, business-oriented framework, one

aimed at creating jobs and opportunities for the 18- to 35-year-old cohort he believes is so key to forming a majority government. He also renewed his attack on

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley. He said Notley's team has made the low-oil slump much worse by introducing new levies such as the carbon tax and by failing to

provide incentives for oilpatch development.

In O'Leary's absence, meanwhile, it was Michael Chong and his support for a "revenue-neutral" carbon tax — a controversial position in Conservative circles, as well as in Alberta — that proved the most popular target in the early going.

"It is the cheapest way to reduce emissions, it is the most Conservative approach," said Chong, who was roundly booed by the Alberta audience every time he brought up the idea.

"I am committed to this policy because it is a conservative policy that will do right for our children and our grandchildren, and do right for Canada."

Chong likened the battle to former prime minister Brian Mulroney's bid to secure a Canada-U.S. free trade deal in the 1980s.

Saskatchewan MP and former Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer dismissed the notion out of hand.

"I've never seen a revenue-neutral carbon tax," he grinned. "If Santa Claus, the tooth fairy and a revenue-neutral carbon tax all see a dollar on the sidewalk, which one picks it up?"

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SURVEY

City geeks drive less



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's civic affairs lovers tend to take transit more and drive less than the general public, according to survey results from Insight Communities.

Insight, a city-run online surveyor that gauges public opinion on Edmonton projects, released data that outlines citizens' modes of transportation.

For instance, 19 per cent of Insight members take public transit. That's six percentage points more than the 13 per cent of Edmontonians who ride the LRT or bus, according to Statistics Canada census data.

"We share this (Insight) data as a point of interest," said Cory Segin, manager of public engagement with the city. "It gives us a sense on who participates in our surveys."

The numbers also varied on residents who drive and walk. The Insight survey found 66 per cent of members drive, while the census driving figure sits at 72 per cent. As for walking, Insight found five per cent of respondents like to hoof it, compared to the census' four per cent.

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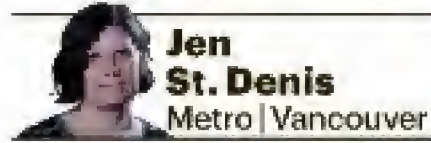
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Fact-checking at the Trump tower

VANCOUVER

Incorrect statements at hotel opening



Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

"In 2010, Vancouver hosted the Olympic Games, of course the highlight being that Canada won the gold in hockey," Eric Danzinger, CEO of the Trump Organization, said Tuesday during the official opening at the Trump International Hotel and Tower.

"Which is probably why the world's largest hockey stick is here in Vancouver."

Wrong. The biggest hockey stick in the world graces the Cowichan Community Centre in Duncan, B.C.

"Trump International Hotel and Tower is the first hotel to open in Vancouver in the last six years," reads a press release handed out at the opening.

Wrong. Squwachays Lodge at 31 West Pender and Hotel Blu Vancouver at 177 Robson St. both opened in 2014.

"The property is the first



Joo Kim Tiah, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump at the grand opening of the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Vancouver on Tuesday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

to open in the city in over six years," reads a second release in the press kit. Wrong. Dozens of condo towers and other properties have opened in Vancouver during the past six years during a construction and real estate boom.

The tower "is one of the tallest in the city at 69 storeys high." Technically, just 63, according to marketing material for the building's condos.

As protesters gathered outside the hotel Tuesday to protest the name on the hotel, inside two sons of President Donald Trump and the Vancouver developer behind the project were singing each other's praises.

Joo Kim Tiah, the president of Holborn Group and the son of a Malaysian real estate tycoon, thanked God, his parents, President Trump and the Trump family.

Rates at the hotel range from \$380 for a room with a single king-sized bed to over \$1,400 for a two-bedroom suite. Ironically, one of the perks offered by the Trump Hotel in Vancouver is free access to what President Trump has repeatedly called "the failing" New York Times.

Starting in December 2015, Tiah had faced pressure from critics, including Vancouver's mayor, to remove the Trump

name from the building, something Tiah has said is not possible because he has contractual obligations with the Trump Organization, which operates the hotel portion of the building. At the time Trump was campaigning for president and had characterized Mexicans as "rapists" and called for Muslims to be banned from entering the U.S.

Brent Toderian, Vancouver's former chief planner and an outspoken critic of the Trump name on the hotel, said he was initially giving Tiah "the benefit of the doubt." But, he noted, the developer has since "doubled down" on his association with Trump.

About 100 protesters gathered in front of the Trump tower Tuesday morning to welcome the family's two eldest sons. Cars driving by the crowd on East Georgia Street honked their support and people broke into a chorus of O Canada.

Four Abbotsford high school students skipped class to attend the protest — something they said their principal approved of.

"We have a humanities class and this election was all we talked about for weeks," said Ayla Kevener. "This is our future. This will affect us."

CONSERVATIVES

Leitch posts weird video on Facebook



Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

Conservative leadership candidate Kellie Leitch's latest campaign move is an eight-minute monologue packed with jarring cuts, awkward pauses and dreamy-eyed gazes toward a middle distance.

It has been met with a frosty reception since it debuted on her Facebook page Monday. Leitch uses the video to repeat her calls for what she describes as a "values test" for people considering immigrating to Canada.

"Canadians are proud of their country and proud of their unified Canadian identity," the former cabinet minister says. "They're proud of their values — values like hard work, generosity, freedom and tolerance."

Leitch's rhetoric on immigration has often been compared to that used by U.S. President Donald Trump, who she said had "an exciting message that needs to be delivered in Canada as well."

ALBERTA

Calgary family clings to hope



Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

By the time you read this, Lindsey Marofke will be in Cincinnati.

It's the only chance she has to save her daughter's life. Unable to get a potentially life-saving treatment in Alberta, when a doctor in Cincinnati offered to try, Lindsey knew she had to take her chances.

Three-year-old Greta Marofke has hepatoblastoma, a rare form of liver cancer that typically affects very young children.

She beat the disease once, but has since relapsed.

Greta's liver must be replaced with healthy one, and fast — her cancer hasn't spread to other parts of her body yet.

Dr. James Geller, medical director of the kidney and liver transplants program at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, believes he has a chance to save Greta's life.

"He called me up on Friday and said, 'I need you to come here. Greta deserves a chance,'" Lindsey said. "I'm just hanging onto that hope, because a few days ago we didn't have it."

Greta has been offered palliative care at a hospital in Toronto, where she has been staying for the past three weeks.

"In Canada, they've basically said we can buy you some time,



Three-year-old Greta Marofke has relapsed hepatoblastoma, a rare form of liver cancer. CONTRIBUTED

that's all we can do," Lindsey said through tears.

"I can't give up on her — she's my baby and she looks so good. If you saw her you'd have no idea that this is going on inside her body."

The Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton denied Greta as a liver transplant candidate because her chance of survival is too low.

"Getting approved for an organ is really difficult. You have to be able to prove that your chances of survival are greater than 50 per cent," Lindsey said.

The last study published about the condition Greta has listed transplant survival outcomes at 40 per cent.

"She doesn't meet the min-

imum, so basically they won't do it," Lindsey said.

In a statement, Alberta Health Services (AHS) said the pediatric liver transplant program at the Stollery Children's Hospital examines all cases of pediatric patients with recurring hepatoblastoma on a case-by-case basis.

"The program has and may proceed with listing a patient for transplant, depending on the individual's specific medical condition," said AHS.

After all is said and done, the price tag for the trip, treatment, and transplant will likely ring in at more than \$1 million US.

A GoFundMe has been started to help, with more than \$30,000 raised so far, which Lindsey said has given her even more hope.

NOVA SCOTIA

Tattooist wins Facebook fight



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A Bedford, N.S. tattoo artist is thrilled that after years of battling with Facebook, the social media giant is now allowing her to post photos of the cosmetic tattooing she does for breast cancer survivors.

For the past eight years, Amber Thorpe of Adept Tattoos has helped clients through cosmetic tattooing of nipples and areolae after they've been through reconstructive breast surgery following breast cancer.

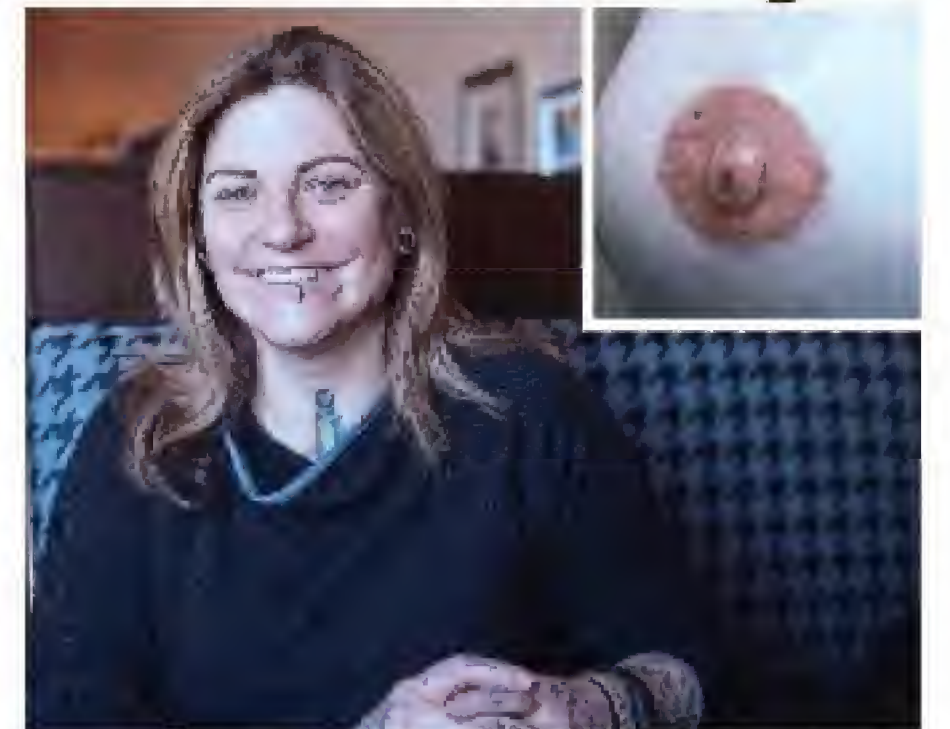
Over that same period of time photos of her work have been repeatedly taken down by Facebook, typically within one to five hours of her posting them.

Thorpe said Facebook is one of the most effective ways she can publicly spread awareness about what is for many breast cancer survivors the "final phase" of their journeys.

She charges \$150 to cover the cost of ink and supplies.

"I've had a lot of just excitement and genuine happiness and I've had a lot break down crying because it's done. It's like an elephant leaves the room at the end," Thorpe said of her work.

"Because they're laying on their back when I tattoo, they



Amber Thorpe says Facebook is one of the most effective ways to spread awareness about cosmetic tattoos. Inset: An example of Thorpe's work. JEFF HARPER/METRO; INSET: COURTESY ADEPT TATTOOS

can't see it pretty much until the end when it's finished and then they look in the mirror and I see their reactions ... That's my satisfaction."

On Tuesday afternoon, Facebook responded to Metro's inquiry asking if there was ever room for concessions regarding what constitutes nudity given the nature of Thorpe's work.

"We're very sorry about this mistake. The pictures were removed in error and restored as soon as we were able to investigate," a Facebook spokesperson

told Metro Halifax in an email late Tuesday afternoon.

"Our team processes millions of reports each week, and we sometimes get things wrong."

Shortly after Metro received the email, Thorpe received a notification from Facebook about the error.

"I'm super happy. This is too cool. It's awesome. Now it's time to create a page and share stories and stuff too," Thorpe said. "I'm actually kind of speechless."

No more 'small thinking'

POLITICS

Donald Trump talks big during his first address to Congress

Heralding a "new chapter of American greatness," U.S. President Donald Trump stood before Congress for the first time Tuesday night and issued a broad call for creating new jobs, overhauling the nation's health-care system and significantly boosting military spending.

Striking an optimistic tone, Trump declared: "The time for small thinking is over."

Trump's address came at a pivotal moment for a new president elected on pledges to swiftly shake up Washington and follow through on the failed promises of career politicians. His opening weeks in office have been consumed by distractions and self-inflicted wounds, including the bungled rollout of a sweeping immigration and refugee executive order that was blocked by the courts.



President Donald Trump addresses a joint session of Congress in Washington on Tuesday.

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Trump sent unexpectedly mixed messages on immigration, one of his signature campaign issues. He pledged to vigorously target people living in the U.S. illegally who "threaten

our communities and prey on our citizens." But he told news anchors before his speech that he was open to legislation that could provide a pathway to legal status, and he told Congress he

believed "real and positive immigration reform is possible."

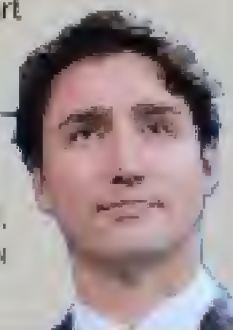
But Trump still said the country will soon begin construction on a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border, saying that Americans

+ SHOUT OUT

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau received a mention from Donald Trump in his speech Tuesday.

"With the help of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, we have formed a council with our neighbours in Canada to help ensure that women entrepreneurs have access to the networks, markets and capital they need to start a business and live out their financial dreams," Trump said.

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can't succeed "in an environment of lawless chaos."

Trump says the country will soon begin construction on the wall, which "will be started ahead of schedule and, when finished, it will be a very effective weapon against drugs and crime." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

White House aims to silence whistleblowers

When White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer wanted to crack down on leaks last week, he collected his aides' cellphones to check for communication with reporters. The crackdown quickly leaked.

Spicer's losing round in Washington's perpetual game of information whack-a-mole was hardly a surprise. In trying to plug leaks from anonymous sources, President Donald Trump and his aides are going after one of the most entrenched practices in Washington politics and journalism, an exercise that has exposed corruption, fuelled scandals and spread gossip for decades.

But the practice has created several headaches for the new president, leading Trump, just weeks into his presidency, to publicly vow to try to punish "low-life leakers" in his own administration.

"Let their name be put out there," Trump said before the Conservative Political Action Conference on Friday, accusing reporters of making up anonymous sources and stories. He declared reporters shouldn't be allowed to use sources "unless they use somebody's name."

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ISRAEL

Evacuation of settlements begins

Israeli forces began evacuating nine homes in the West Bank settlement of Ofra on Tuesday, following a Supreme Court decision that ruled they were built on private Palestinian land.

Dozens of settlers and their supporters were protesting on the rooftops as military and police forces handed the evacuation orders to settler leaders and asked them to co-operate peacefully and avoid confrontation.

Brig. Gen. Yoram Sofer pleaded with the settlers "to act according

to moral standards, to assist us and not to use violence."

One of the residents defiantly tore up the order while others, mainly youths, were carried away by troops tasked with clearing the area. No major disturbances were reported.

Earlier this month, Israeli forces uprooted Amona, a nearby West Bank outpost, following a similar court order. The forces removed residents and hundreds of their supporters.

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MARDI GRAS

'THE ONE TIME OF YEAR PEOPLE CAN ACT LIKE FOOLS'

Revellers blow trumpets at the start of the Society of Saint Anne Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans on Tuesday.

The streets of New Orleans are filled with costumed revellers, dazzling floats featuring kings and queens, and people of all ages screaming for trinkets and beads. Lots of beads.

Mardi Gras is "the one time of year people can act like fools and get away with it," said one reveller, Craig Channell.

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LEGAL SYSTEM

Corporate law reform 'falls short': Expert

Ottawa's first comprehensive reform of corporate law in more than a decade will do little to prevent tax cheats and criminals from hiding their identities, say critics of a bill winding its way through parliament.

Foreigners are using Canadian corporations to "snow wash" illicit funds — as Torstar revealed through the Panama Papers investigations — and they will have little impediment to continuing to move money anonymously even after Bill C-25 becomes law, financial crime experts say.

"The bill falls short of its po-

tential to address the real risks of money laundering, terrorism financing and tax evasion," said Denis Meunier, a former top official with the Canada Revenue Agency and FINTRAC, Ottawa's anti-money laundering watchdog.

Meunier noted that an inter-governmental review last fall found Canada's corporate transparency is non-compliant with international anti-money laundering and terrorism financing standards.

"Match up the assessments of the risk. ... And then you see

this bill, there's a gap. For me, it's stunning that the government hasn't (done more)," said Meunier, a member of Transparency International Canada who shared his analysis with a parliamentary committee last week.

Bill C-25, which is expected to receive final reading next month, addresses several aspects of corporate law, but the one that's most troubling for financial analysts and law enforcement is the partial ban on bearer shares.

Bearer shares are archaic financial instruments that play a big role in money laundering

because they act like cash for criminals. Unlike normal stocks in a company, which are registered to their rightful owner, bearer shares belong to anyone who physically holds them. Like a cheque made out to "cash" the certificates, which can be worth millions, can be bought and sold without leaving a trace.

Under heavy international pressure, most of the world's most notorious tax havens have done away with bearer shares. Canada lags other major nations by continuing to allow them.

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GEORGIA

Two jailed for racial slurs, threats at girl's birthday

A white man and a white woman who were among a large group of people waving Confederate flags and threatening violence at a black child's birthday party in 2015 have been sentenced to lengthy prison terms.

Jose Ismael Torres, 26, and Kayla Rae Norton, 25, were part of a group of 15 people who disrupted the 8-year-old's party in Douglasville, Ga. in July 2015, less than a month after white supremacist Dylann Roof killed nine African-Americans at a historic black church in

South Carolina.

Roof brandished Confederate flags in several photographs that came to light soon after his arrest and had said he intended to start a race war with the killings.

Torres and Norton were found guilty Monday of yelling racial slurs and threatening to kill partygoers, even the kids. At one point, Torres aimed a shotgun at the party, prosecutors said.

"Their actions were motivated by racial hatred," said Superior Court Judge William McClain.

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Netflix workers detained

POLITICS

Employees were affected by Trump travel ban

Netflix employees were personally affected by U.S. President Donald Trump's attempt to ban people entering from seven Muslim countries, the company's CEO said Tuesday.

Reed Hastings has been a critic of the travel ban, which Trump hopes to revive in a revised form this week, and said Tuesday some of his co-workers had gotten caught up in it.

"We had Iranian and Iraqi employees who were unable to come to work," he said on the sidelines of the Mobile World Congress, the wireless industry's biggest annual gathering held in Barcelona, Spain.

Netflix was among dozens of tech companies that publicly opposed the travel ban out of fear that it would stifle innovation.

Hastings aims to make Netflix global by creating more original content in foreign languages.

"We are focused on inter-



Founder and CEO of Netflix Reed Hastings during a keynote speech at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona on Monday. Netflix was among dozens of companies that publicly opposed the Trump administration's travel ban out of fear that it would stifle innovation. GETTY IMAGES

national expansion, mainly in Europe and Asia," Hastings said. "It's just the beginning of the Internet. We are producing all over the globe with great success."

Netflix, which has some 93 million subscribers across 190 countries, is riding the success of some of its own productions, having won its first ever Oscar

this week for the documentary White Helmets, about Syria's humanitarian aid force.

Hastings expects the market competition to toughen, how-

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We had Iranian and Iraqi employees who were unable to come to work.

Reed Hastings

ever, with traditional broadcasters increasingly moving online, especially with the gradual improvement of handset screens and connections.

"I think broadcast television is really going to move to the Internet, so that current TV networks will offer their videos online, just the same as Netflix and YouTube," he said.

The improvements in wireless 4G and 5G technology is likely to encourage the trend of people watching movies on mobile screens.

"We would like to continue to improve the mobile plans in order for everybody to enjoy unlimited video viewing," said Hastings. "I think it's possible because we are getting more efficient at video data, so that the networks are not congested."

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MEDIA

Times for truth in the Trump era



Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

U.S. President Donald Trump has declared the media an "enemy of the American people," but the New York Times is fighting back.


The venerable newspaper has launched a new marketing campaign they hope will puncture the myriad of media bubbles, social media squabbles and "alternative facts" that have characterized the country's political discourse for much of the decade.

"The truth is hard. The truth is hard to find. The truth is hard to know," the ad intones. "The truth is more important now than ever."

Trump's top White House aide, Breitbart publisher Steve Bannon, has branded the media an opposition party.

"At The Times, we have a 166-year history of an adherence to the highest standards in journalism," Times publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. said. "We are committed to properly resourced, tough-minded and independent (journalism)."

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PAUL WELLS ON CANADA'S BRAND IN THE AGE OF TRUMP



How can Canada use the chaos in D.C. to pursue its own interests?

It's time to conclude, on a balance of probabilities, that Donald Trump will be merely an ineffectual president.

For a while it seemed the White House's listless new tenant might have some sort of trade strategy. For a few days he even seemed to be preparing for an attack on Iran. That seems so long ago. He may yet do something big domestically, like repeal Obamacare, although the news that massive new social programs contain fine print has rattled him badly.

Being an evil genius takes an ungodly amount of prep work. Who knew? It's so much easier to hightail it to Mar-A-Lago for another weekend. Down there, the world is divided into people who are paid to be nice to him and people who have paid to be nice to him. He can handle both.

Perhaps the time is coming, or soon will, when the Trudeau government should adjust its strategy regarding Trump. The original working assumptions are already running out of steam.

For both the prime minister and his detractors, Trump was viewed, after his astonishing election victory last November, as a potential source of organized menace to the Canadian economy.

He would tax industrial goods at the border. He would abrogate NAFTA and ensnare Canada in protracted negotiations, where his decades of

experience as a dealmaker would leave poor naïve Justin Trudeau bereft and dizzy, wearing only a barrel on leather shoulder straps.

In response, Trudeau executed a profound reorganization of his ministry, of the public service and of Liberal political staff. The goal was to become more nimble on the defence, accelerating information-gathering and decision-making across government to ensure that whatever move Trump might make, Canada could respond.

But perhaps defence isn't the game. Or at least it shouldn't be the only game. Because maybe this president is incapable of organizing an offence.

That's the conclusion the Russians seem to have drawn. If anyone should be taken as an authority on Donald Trump, it's the Russians. In a fascinating story in Tuesday's New York Times, assorted Russian analysts said Vladimir Putin is now treating Trump, not as a conniving ally but as a random-event generator who will pull Washington into chaos.

"Right now the Kremlin is looking for ways that Russia can use the chaos in Washington to pursue its own interests," pro-Putin analyst Sergei Markov told the Times. "The main hope is that the U.S. will be preoccupied with itself and will stop pressuring Russia."

What would an offensive Canadian strategy look like, if

Canada followed Markov's reasoning? How can Canada use the chaos in Washington to pursue its own interests?

One set of interests is inbound: It's about who comes to our shores. Canada has long watched while the United States attracted a disproportionate share of the brightest students, the most distinguished researchers, the wildest entrepreneurs.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau has already been making changes to attract all those groups. A concerted global marketing program would spread the word. Canada has a big disadvantage: unlike Australia or the UK, it has no national education minister to lead global marketing efforts. Nor should it, education being a provincial responsibility.

But a senior federal minister should be put in charge of marketing Canadian research and education, in partnership with the provinces. I nominate François-Philippe Champagne, the new trade minister, because he's so peppy he's probably already doing it anyway.

Another interest, the attraction of international investors for Canadian infrastructure projects, is well in hand, and I have no advice to offer.

The third Canadian interest is the most delicate: the search for strategic partners to replace an increasingly introspective United States.

In some ways, America can't be replaced: Nowhere

else is as close, as rich or as culturally simpatico. But Trudeau must conclude, as every modern prime minister has in different ways, that it does no good to rely too closely on the Americans alone. Especially now.

China stayed aloof from even Jean Chrétien's ardent courting. Trudeau will not be able to tap its amazing potential in the short term. Europe is almost as big, richer and needs friends now too. The working relationships built up over a decade's CETA talks must not be allowed to atrophy now.

In his mandate letter to international development minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, Trudeau urged her to "refocus Canada's development assistance on helping the poorest and most vulnerable." That now seems simplistic. Many of Africa's national economies are rising, fitfully but full of promise. Canada should build long-term relationships by supporting institutions that educate a new African leadership class and strengthen African markets, legal systems and governance.

I could go on. A few hours' brainstorming could generate countless ideas for pursuing Canadian prosperity in an era of American eclipse. It's work nobody would have wanted. But the task now seems at hand.

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Missed manners In the Oval Office on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

Conway's couch crouching proves meritocracy a sham



Vicky Mochama
Metro

When I saw the picture of Kellyanne Conway, adviser to President Trump, with her feet tucked under her on an Oval Office couch, I could hear my mom saying — or, let's be real here — yelling "Beka amagoro inse!"

That is Kisii for "You own nothing in this house and your presence here is optional so you need to act right, or else." (It is actually not but that is what it felt like.) I still hear it when I put my feet up on my own table in my own house.

The image isn't striking because a grown woman is sitting on her feet and looking at her phone on her boss's couch. No, Kellyanne got real casual during a photo opportunity with the leaders of America's historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

To me, a roomful of black academics is a room of aunts and uncles empowered to yell at you. So, I was a little scared for Kellyanne.

But she knows she doesn't have to operate by those standards. When photos of Barack Obama putting his feet up on the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office first surfaced, Fox News basically aired a war crimes tribunal for a week. Every move by the Obamas was examined for its perceived rudeness. These were (and are) black professionals at the apex of human achievement.

If respectability is the measure by which white officials will respect black people, you

cannot get more respectable than that group of people in the Oval on Monday. They didn't just go to the best schools; some now run the best schools.

If the election of a mediocre businessman for president didn't do it, then this photo should render apparent that there is no such thing as a meritocracy. Some of America's highest educated and highly accomplished black people grimaced through it while Kellyanne Conway took a picture from the couch of them with the president.

The administration's disrespect is evident. Dillard University president Walter Kimbrough wrote that the meeting was meant to be with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos but suddenly included a visit with the president.

After pushing them around and photographing them, Secretary DeVos issued a statement saying that HBCUs were an example of so-called school choice. When, in fact, they were founded as a response to racist schools barring black students.

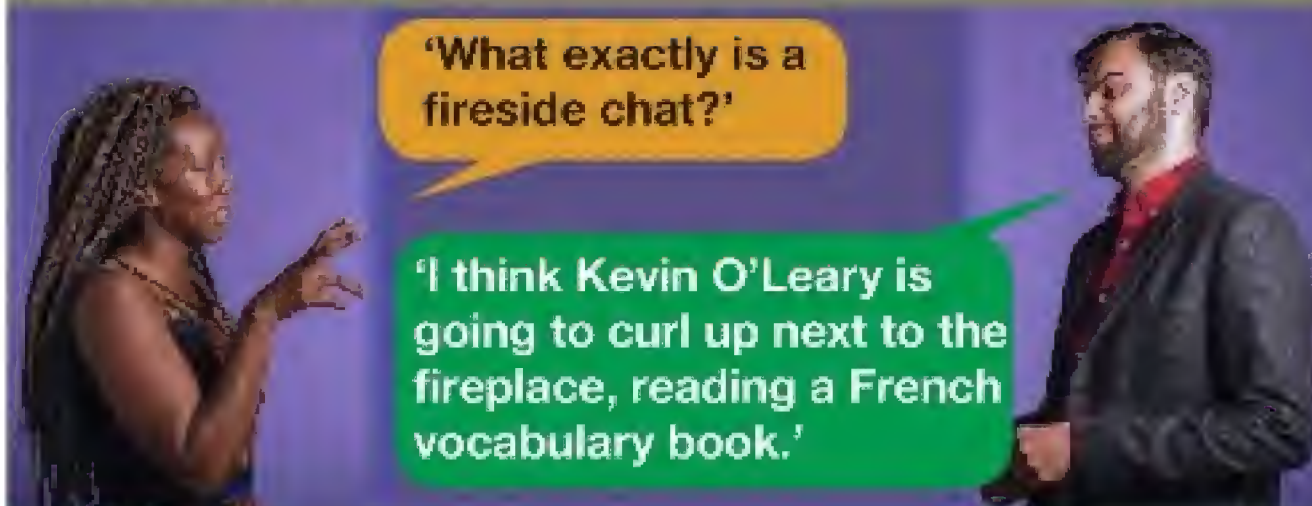
The photo isn't trivial; it is emblematic of the relationship that black Americans now have with their government. The administration will use black people to lie about black history in order to make black life worse.

I can only hope that the American public tells Trump that he owns nothing in the White House and his presence is optional.

Because he's definitely not going to act right.

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'What exactly is a fireside chat?'

'I think Kevin O'Leary is going to curl up next to the fireplace, reading a French vocabulary book.'

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A podcast by Vicky Mochama & Ishmael Daro



Poutine disciple spreads the curd

FOOD CULTURE

How epicurean epiphany led a German tourist to new venture

Holger Boeckner had an epicurean epiphany of sorts while visiting Canada in 2007. Out clubbing with Canadian friends in Montreal, the German tourist was introduced to Quebec's street food of fries, gravy and cheese curds. It was 4 a.m. and his first poutine.

"It was salty, delicious, fatty," recalled Boeckner with a big wistful smile at a cafe in Berlin. "It was the right meal for the situation."

Boeckner was so enamoured with poutine that he opened The Poutine Kitchen last November, partnering up with a German dairy producer to manufacture and sell squeaky cheese.

On Jan. 25, he got to promote the product in a major way: by offering bowls of poutine at the first meeting in 2017 of the German Canadian Business Association. That same week, he proffered small snacks of poutine at the massive annual Green Week exposition of products in Berlin, which features local, non-GMO and organic items (Boeckner's cheese is local and non-GMO but not certified organic).

He returned to Canada and the U.S. a few times since that initial visit, and sought poutine wherever he went. In Austin, Texas, during the SXSW festival in 2013, he attended a party held by the Canadian delegation and catered with poutine.

"I realized in my subsequent visits: I loved poutine," he said.



Holger Boeckner's Poutine Kitchen serves up his version of the Canadian delicacy in Berlin. CONTRIBUTED

He and his neighbour, a Canadian, tried to make poutine, but "we realized it wasn't possible to make it authentic because we didn't have cheese curds."

Indeed, poutine is relatively simple in composition since fries and gravy are a staple in almost any European country. However, the squeaky cheese — solid parts of curdled milk — is what can trip up the desire for a classic poutine. Curds are made from fresh milk, which has to be pasteurized — during which rennet is added so it clots. It then becomes a blend of whey (liquid) and early-stage "curd"

and must be cooked. Lastly, it is pressed, separating the whey from the curd and voila, you have cheese curds.

Importing cheese curds from Canada could take weeks, Boeckner said, bogged down by EU rules that require inspections



and clearances.

"The cheese curd needs to be produced nearby so it can be consumed quickly and still be squeaky," Boeckner said. "Most of the places selling poutine in Europe use mozzarella or some salty version of cheese."



Germans love cheese, fries and gravy. They just haven't had that combination yet.

Holger Boeckner, left

In 2014, realizing he was about to be laid off from his film public relations job, Boeckner decided to bring "real" poutine to Germany. He set about visiting cheese fairs in the Berlin region and wound up at Bauernkäserei Wolters, where he described the curds to owner Pieter Wolters and his production manager, Uta Gerlach.

"I described it as 'this is a cheese that squeaks' and then the consistency as well — a little spongelike. I said it had to be eaten fresh," says Boeckner.

Last March they created their first batch — 40 kilograms.

Boeckner declared it a success: "It was tasty and squeaky."

The following May came the real test: giving it to Canadians. With packs of gravy mix from St. Hubert's chicken fast food joint in Quebec, Boeckner arranged a special poutine party for six Canadian friends in Berlin.

"They said it was just like

\$7.62

Last November, Bauernkäserei Wolters began selling 250 g packages of cheese curds online for 5.48 euros (\$7.62) plus shipping.

home," Boeckner said, holding up a cellphone video of a woman declaring: "The cheese is perfect. The gravy is perfect. You nailed it."

He doesn't have any sales numbers for the cheese yet, but Boeckner has heard excited reactions from Canadians in Berlin.

Berlin resident Patrick Beaudette, who was born in B.C. but has lived in Montreal, heard about the cheese and ordered a kilo. "I refuse to use mozzarella," said Beaudette, who is in the city finishing up his PhD in molecular biology. "(It) has everything it should have: the mild flavour, it's salty and the squeak."

Boeckner is determined to spread the poutine joy among Germans as his business grows. He hopes to open a poutine-focused shop in spring — which doesn't exist yet in Berlin.

"Germans love fries, cheese and gravy. They just haven't had that combination yet. They will like it I know." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HEALTH

Tackling the nutrition myths of cancer treatment

When Miguel Roger began chemotherapy for chronic lymphocytic leukemia last summer, he didn't realize the challenges he would face with food.

"Once treatment started, I noticed a change in my appetite, and a lack of energy," said the 65-year-old retired engineer.

His wife Jenny, 61, became his primary caregiver, and found it challenging navigating all the nutrition advice from books, their doctor, and the hospital nutrition centre.

"I once cooked him calf liver to help with his anemia," she said. "I read it in a book, but when I spoke to Miguel's doctor, we were told it wouldn't help, since the anemia was not related to nutrition, but to the cancer itself and the chemotherapy."

Nutrition is an under-recognized challenge for many cancer patients. And fad diets can cause unnecessary weight loss, disrupt treatment, and sometimes make outcomes worse.

Many patients struggle with

navigating the "cancer-specific" dietary information found in popular books, blogs, and websites. A British study found caregivers and patients were concerned about the lack of accurate and clear information — something Canadian health providers are keen to provide.

"In clinic, I once overheard a woman saying how she was getting megadoses of vitamin C, rose hip tea, bee pollen and antioxidants," said Jenny Roger. "But I heard the dietitian advise

that those things may not be regulated and could be contraindicated during chemotherapy."

This is a familiar story to many cancer specialists and dietitians, including Thomas Jagoe, director of the McGill Cancer Nutrition Rehabilitation Program in Montreal.

One of his challenges is dealing with diet trends that conflict with what a patient's oncologist advises. One trend is "short-term fasting" before chemotherapy.

"This is a hot topic of research

but at this time the evidence doesn't support that a patient who is already losing weight starve themselves for a few days," Jagoe said.

But patients keep looking for answers outside the system. And it's all about control, says Jonathan di Tomasso, a nutritionist who works with the cancer rehabilitation program at McGill.

"People often lose control over many aspects of their life when they are diagnosed with cancer. Food is something they can con-



Miguel and Jenny Roger tried to separate cancer nutrition fact from fiction. HANDOUT

trol, but the roar of misinformation out there is deafening," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto begins to turn the fine dining tables

CANADA'S 100 BEST

Montreal slips in annual list, five Edmonton spots make cut

Désolés, Montreal. The 416 has overtaken the 514 for the first time at the top of Canada's 100 Best, the third-annual list of the country's finest dining establishments as chosen by a panel of 82 industry experts.

Toronto's Alo, which chef Patrick Kriss opened in 2015, unseated Montreal's two-time champ Toqué.

Hogtown finished with five of the country's top 10 restaurants: Alo (1), Edulis (5), Buca Yorkville (7), Canoe (8) and Dandyion (9).

"That is total domination of fine dining," said Jacob Richler, the magazine's editor.

Alo debuted on the list as Canada's best new eatery last year.

"The finesse and discipline of that kitchen he runs — it's genuinely extraordinary," said Richler of Patrick Kriss's restaurant located on a third floor above Chinatown on Spadina Ave.

"You leave an unassuming street and suddenly you're in



The simpler charms of the likes of Edulis (above) and Dandyion has helped Toronto evolve and move ahead of Montreal in the national fine dining arms. MATT FABIANIC

this elegant little oasis the moment you emerge out of the elevator shaft. It feels cool and groovy and you're happy to be a part of it."

Toronto and Montreal made up half of the Best 100 entirely, Montreal with 26 spots and Toronto with 24.

"You can find great food in far more varied sorts of places. And the list reflects that," Richler said.

Ten smaller cities and towns cracked the list with one raved-about spot each, includ-

ing Langdon Hall (15) in Cambridge, Ont., which jumped back into the top 20. Former Scaramouche chef Michael Stadtländer's Eigensinn Farm (77) in Southampton, Ont., which presented the chef's pine-focused PineSpiel Project, returned to the list.

Other small community restaurants earned spots like La Cabane PdC (22) in St-Benoît-de-Mirabel and Wolf in the Fog (41) in Tofino, B.C., which made the list for the third time.

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THE TOP 10

- 1) Alo (Toronto)
 - 2) Toqué! (Montreal)
 - 3) Joe Beef (Montreal)
 - 4) Le Vin Papillon (Montreal)
 - 5) Edulis (Toronto)
 - 6) Hawksworth (Vancouver)
 - 7) Buca Yorkville (Toronto)
 - 8) Canoe (Toronto)
 - 9) Dandyion (Toronto)
 - 10) Pigeonhole (Calgary)
- In Edmonton:**
68) Rge Rd
74) Corso 32
75) Ucellino
79) Clementine
89) Rostizado

BEATTY CALL

Oscars best picture mess still rumbling on
Warren Beatty says Academy of Motion Pictures President Cheryl Boone Isaacs should "publicly clarify" what happened during Sunday night's best picture presentation "as soon as possible."

Beatty released a statement Tuesday to The Associated Press in which he declined to comment further on the debacle that led to him and co-presenter Faye Dunaway mistakenly reading La La Land as best picture winner rather than Moonlight. Instead, he urged the academy to answer questions.

"I feel it would be more appropriate for the president of the Academy, Cheryl Boone Isaacs, to publicly clarify what happened as soon as possible," said Beatty.

Representatives for the academy didn't immediately comment Tuesday.

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Paxton's 'wanna-be' tough guy ambivalence is no bad legacy

THE SHOW: *Training Day*, Season 1, Episode 4 (CBS)
THE MOMENT: The growling

As his straight-laced trainee Kyle Craig (Justin Cornwell) watches, rogue police detective Frank Rourke (Bill Paxton) rifles through the pockets of a dead Yakuza gang-banger. Someone warns Frank that the corpse "could be a biohazard."

"My blood is eight parts whiskey and I date a hooker," Frank growls, and keeps rifling.

What luck! Frank finds a peeled beer label — and happens to know it's from a beer that's "\$1,000 per bottle." And "there's only one bar in America that sells it." And it's nearby.

At the bar, Frank's luck holds. He spies a thug who leads him straight to the top-secret head of the Yakuza. But first, Frank confronts a slimy G-man: The Yakuza were really after Slimy, weren't they? And he lied about that, didn't he? "National security my ass," Frank growls at him. "More

like job security."

Slimy counters, "We're done here." Let's growl Frank's reply together: "No, you're done! I'm just getting started!"

Obviously, I didn't love this series' self-seriousness, or Paxton's choice to demonstrate Frank's corrupt nature by growling. Each. Word. Separately.

Now, after Paxton's untimely death last Saturday (from complications post-surgery), I don't know what the powers that be are going to do with the nine episodes they appar-

ently have in the can.

But as I recalled the many wanna-be-tough-guys Paxton played, I realized that I always liked his "wanna-be" better than his "tough."

So many of his characters were trying to pass as macho in a world that rewards machismo, and Paxton showed us their (and perhaps his) ambivalence about that.

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Bill Paxton completed nine more episodes of *Training Day* before his untimely death. CONTRIBUTED

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REVIEW

Hybrid upsets with better fuel efficiency and price point



Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

As good as it is, it's tough to describe the 2017 Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid as anything but ill-timed. It's an alternative fuel vehicle going up against gas prices that remain at historic lows.

That this Hyundai is a compact car only makes matters worse, as the popularity of crossovers continues to climb. To overcome those sizable-though-surmountable odds, the Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid has a few key qualities working in its favour.

For starters, it's built on a dedicated platform developed solely to serve as the basis for electrified rides that includes both conventional and plug-in hybrid versions of the Ioniq, plus a pure-electric model.

The decision to build the Ioniq as a small sedan was designed to eke out as much efficiency as possible. The very shape of the car was cleverly crafted to improve airflow. And it worked. With a drag coefficient of 0.24, the Ioniq slips through the air like a Tesla Model S.

The Ioniq may share its drag coefficient with the Model S, but it's significantly smaller than the all-electric ride. The Ioniq is more similarly sized to the Prius

or Chevrolet Cruze.

Its diminutive dimensions impact interior space in different ways. The front seats pack plenty of room. Slide into the rear seats and space shrinks significantly. Cargo room, however, stands at an impressive 750 litres. That mark is second in the segment only to the Prius and exceeds the likes of the hatchback versions of the Cruze and Honda Civic.

When it comes to efficiency, Hyundai's first dedicated hybrid ranks ahead of the standard-bearing Toyota Prius. Its impressive efficiency is only matched by its ambitious price point.

Base models are estimated to start at \$24,000. An equivalent Prius will set you back \$28,880. Step up to a top-of-the-line Limited model and you can expect to pay about \$31,000. A loaded Prius Touring, meanwhile, will fetch \$32,115.

Despite everything the Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid does right, it's not perfect. The regenerative brakes felt slightly rubbery and more engine noise than necessary permeated the cabin. Likewise, there were some unwelcome rattles and squeaks in our tester's cabin, worth a second look — or listen — to determine if it was a one-off incident.

If this gas-electric Ioniq Hybrid is out to take on the likes of the Toyota Prius, it's off to a good start. It costs less money and burns less gas without suffering from any of the performance penalties imposed by the Prius' CVT. The appetite for hybrids these days may be as low as gas prices, but it's hard to argue with the Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid's bang for your buck.

CUSTOM

From grill to tail lights: A new type of tailor-made Aston Martin

Michael Accardi
AutoGuide.com

Aston Martin will launch an expansion of its tailor-made service Q by Aston Martin at the 2017 Geneva Motor Show.

Marek Reichman, Aston Martin's Chief Creative Officer, says the service has slowly expanded since its 2012 introduction.

"Now we have the opportunity to work with our customers and take personalization to a different level," he said.

The two-tiered program begins with Q by Aston Martin - Collection, an array of distinctive designs and exclusive enhancements that go beyond the standard options list — think of it like a secret menu. Collection brings exclusive paint and interior colors, plus unique leather quilt upholstery patterns, body-colored wheel inserts, and diamond turned spokes, along with new wood and leather interior touches.

Capping the program is Q by Aston Martin - Commission, a collaborative process with the

Aston Martin design team, a conversation that becomes a car that Gaydon calls "the world of the truly bespoke, individual sports car."

"It's a commissioning process," says Dr Matthew Bennett, General Manager for the Q by Aston Martin service. "The customer is working much more closely with us here at Gaydon. The only

limit is your imagination — every new commission starts with a blank sheet of paper."

One of Commission's first projects is working with Aston Martin's global dealer network to develop an ultra-limited series of cars with features and elements distinct to the region's demographics and geography.

However, those who want

an entirely unique car simply have to ask. Aston Martin has a long history of building bespoke cars, recent examples being the CC-100 Speedster in 2013 and the Vantage GT12 Roadster last summer.

"You're talking about the fundamentals of how a car comes together," Dr. Bennett says. "There is as much reward in the interaction with Aston Martin as there is in the final car. It is a journey."

Those interested will need to get themselves down to company HQ, your local dealership, or Aston Martin's dedicated brand center in London's Mayfair district.



Exclusive DB11 from Q - Collection finished in Zaffre Blue paint. HANDOUT



The only limit is your imagination — every new commission starts with a blank sheet of paper.

Matthew Bennett, GM for Q by Aston Martin

Revenue soars, Tesla ramps up production

TESLA MODEL 3

Production on track for July

Production for the Tesla Model 3 could begin as early as July.

In its fourth-quarter earnings report, the automaker revealed that limited production for the Model 3 was on track and 2016 revenue was up 73 per cent from 2015, to \$7 billion U.S.

Tesla ended 2016 producing 83,922 vehicles, approximately 1,614 a week.

The American automaker wants to more than triple production by the fourth quarter of this year with the Model 3 being added to the assembly line. Tesla is planning to ramp up production to exceed 5,000 vehicles per week in the fourth quarter.

In 2018, Tesla hopes to produce 10,000 vehicles per week. Volume production for the Model 3 should hit its stride by September.

It reiterated that "the Model 3 and solar roof launches are on track for the second half of the year."

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UNVEILING SOON

Volkswagen Arteon

Volkswagen is teasing its new Arteon, a luxurious fastback sedan that will be like a more affordable Audi A7.

The Volkswagen Arteon will make its world debut at the Geneva Motor Show this month as a flagship sedan that sits above the Passat in the German automaker's lineup, likely replacing the CC. The teaser image Volkswagen shared shows new design language for the brand, as the grille and headlights merge to look like a single piece.

Volkswagen promises the Arteon will have all the latest driver assistance features and safety technology as well as a spacious cabin. Expect it to launch with gesture controls and a configurable digital dashboard. JODI LAI/AUTOGUIDE.COM



SPECIAL EDITIONS

Mercedes-AMG turns 50

The automaker is using three special models to celebrate its 50th anniversary, starting with the AMG GT C Roadster Edition 50 (pictured). Only 500 will become available worldwide.

On the exterior, the convertible sports car boasts a special paint finish in designo Graphite Grey Magno. Inside the cabin, there's a contrasting black and silver colour scheme.

The company will also offer the C63 Cabriolet Ocean Blue Edition. Limited to just 150 units worldwide, the luxury convertible gets a Deep Ocean Blue fabric soft top, exclusively earmarked for the special edition model. The body of the convertible is painted in designo Cashmere White Magno.

Lastly, there's the AMG Performance Studio Package added to the C43 Coupe and Cabriolet models. All the special edition models will debut at the 2017 Geneva Motor Show. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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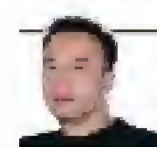
YouTubeur Vexel, better known as Matt Swarthout, is a software engineer that has a thing or two for id Software's Doom series. While it doesn't pertain to anything automotive, Swarthout's previous project involved turning a household toaster into a video game controller to play Doom. Now he's managed to find a way to install Doom II onto his Porsche 911, allowing him to use his car as a controller.

By booting up the car's infotainment system in debug mode, Swarthout managed to install the classic first-person shooter onto his Porsche 911 and then proceeds to demonstrate how to play the game. The player shoots by honking the horn of the car, while simply accelerating and driving controls good 'ol Doomguy. The problem is, it doesn't look exactly safe.

Swarthout says it's possible to install the game on various other vehicles, but he doesn't recommend doing it. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

BUSINESS

Nissan's new CEO



Jason Siu
AutoGuide.com

Nissan has announced the appointment of a new CEO.

Starting April 1, 2017, Hiroto Saikawa will become the new face of Nissan, replacing current CEO Carlos Ghosn. The new appointment comes with the recommendation of Ghosn, who will continue to serve as chairman of the board of directors and will seek a renewal of his mandate at the company's general shareholders meeting in June 2017.

The move is also part of a planned management evolution, as Ghosn will focus more of his attention on the expansion of the Renault-Nissan Alliance, which now includes Mitsubishi Motors.

"I am confident that the management team I have developed at Nissan over the past 18 years has the talent and experience to meet the company's operational and strategic goals," said Ghosn.

"Having recently taken on new responsibilities at Mitsubishi Motors, and taking into consideration the upcoming Nissan general shareholders meeting, I have decided that the time is right for Hiroto Saikawa to succeed me as Nissan's CEO."



Hiroto Saikawa to become new CEO on April 1. HANDOUT

Saikawa currently serves as co-CEO of Nissan and a representative director. He has been with Nissan since 1977 and was the company's chief competitive officer from April 2013 to October 2016. Since 1999, he has served in a variety of senior management positions, including chairman of the management committees of the Americas and Europe, as well as the executive vice president of purchasing. He is also the current chairman of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA).

IN BRIEF

Vikings let Peterson walk
Adrian Peterson, Minnesota's all-time leading rusher and a first-team All-Pro pick in four of his 10 seasons with the Vikings, will be an unrestricted free agent for the first time in his career when the market opens next week.

The Vikings said Tuesday they will not exercise their option for 2017 on Peterson's contract, which called for the 31-year-old to make \$18 million.

In another sobering reminder of the short shelf life for players at this position, Kansas City also released 30-year-old and four-time Pro Bowl running back Jamaal Charles on Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Warriors lose Durant, game

Kevin Durant injured his left knee and departed after only 93 seconds, and Stephen Curry missed a potential go-ahead three-pointer late, all leading to a 112-108 victory for the Washington Wizards, who got a career high-tying 19 assists from John Wall on Tuesday night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Forsberg leads Preds to W

Filip Forsberg scored 2:45 into overtime and the Nashville Predators came back to beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-4 on Tuesday night for their fourth straight win.

Forsberg had a goal and an assist in the final nine minutes of regulation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Oilers best Blues to end road trip 3-3

NHL

Talbot makes 25 saves in his league-leading 57th start

Milan Lucic and Mark Letestu scored and Cam Talbot made 25 saves to lead the Edmonton Oilers to a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins assisted on both goals for the Oilers, who finished their six-game road trip with a 3-3 record.

Talbot, making his league-best 57th start of the season, snapped a two-game losing streak.

Paul Stastny scored for St. Louis as the Blues lost their first game since trading defence-man Kevin Shattenkirk to the Washington Capitals on Monday night.

Jake Allen stopped 23 of 25 shots and St. Louis dropped its fourth straight coming off a six-game winning streak.

Letestu converted a pass from Connor McDavid with the two-man advantage to score the deciding goal, his 13th of the season, in the opening minute of the second period.

St. Louis opened the scoring on its first power play of the game when Stastny deflected Alex Pietrangolo's shot past Talbot for his 16th goal of the season.



Oilers Oscar Klefbom, centre, and Leon Draisaitl, right, congratulate Mark Letestu after his goal on Tuesday in St. Louis. **BILL BOYCE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

TUESDAY In St. Louis



Lucic tied the game when he fired a shot off Blues defence-man Joel Edmundson's stick

and underneath the glove of Allen for his 14th tally.

The Blues have lost four straight games under coach Mike Yeo after starting 7-1-0.

The Oilers return to Rexall Place to host the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday, the start of an eight-game homestand.

The Blues will travel to Winnipeg on Friday night to start a



three-game road trip. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Desharnais coming to Edmonton

The Edmonton Oilers acquired forward David Desharnais from the Montreal Canadiens in exchange for defenceman Brandon Davidson on Tuesday.

Desharnais, 30, produced four goals and 10 points in 31 games this season. He has played 435 career games — all with the Habs — and has 79 goals and 250 points.

Davidson, 25, played 28 games this season for Edmonton, recording one assist. The Lethbridge native has five goals and 13 points in 91 career games. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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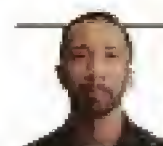
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Queen of the mountain

SKI CROSS

Thompson a force with six World Cup wins this season



Vincent Man
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Marielle Thompson has resembled a blur this season.

In racing her way to victory after victory, Big Air Mar has already clinched the Crystal Globe — and with one World Cup ski cross race left on the schedule.

"It's nice to be coming back to Canada having the Crystal Globe wrapped up," Thompson told Metro News over the phone from Blue Mountain in Collingwood, Ont., where Sunday's race will be held. "I can just come to this final and just race, not have one more thing to worry about."

"I knew I was having a good season. I'm just glad it finished how I hoped it would."

Not only did the 24-year-old rack up her sixth win of the World Cup season on Saturday in Miass, Russia, she put on a thrilling show in which she won by the slimmest of margins. Trailing only Sandra Naeslund down the final stretch, Thompson carried enough speed off the last jump to outpace the Swedish skier in a photo finish.

"I knew it was a possibility to (clinch the Crystal Globe) but I didn't think it would be in such



Marielle Thompson, right, of Whistler, B.C., takes off on the final jump during her Crystal Globe-clinching victory on Saturday in Miass, Russia. MATTHIAS HAUER/GEPA PICTURES

"I'm still going to go out there and do my best like I do every other race." Marielle Thompson

a fashion with me coming at the end and passing at the finish line," Thompson said. "It was pretty exciting."

The victory gave the Whistler, B.C., skier an insurmountable 155-point lead over Naeslund in the standings and her third overall championship.

Thompson said her first Crystal Globe in 2012 validated her on the World Cup stage. The second time she

won it in 2014 established her as a perennial contender.

And though heading into this season she was more intent than ever to win it again, she was surprised by how much of a force she has been.

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Thompson is also the reigning Olympic champion in women's ski cross having won the gold medal in 2014 in Sochi, Russia.

"It's definitely very validating," Thompson said. "I knew going into this season I was strong and I was skiing well, so to be able to have the consistency all the way



through and be on top for the majority of this season, it makes every minute in the gym and all that time and work worth it."

Though the Crystal Globe is in the bag, Thompson will have plenty to race for on Sunday. She said she wants to finish the schedule strong in front of a Canadian crowd, which will include her parents and little sister.

"I don't think I'm approaching it any differently," she said. "In the end it's still a World Cup (race) and I want to do my best. At the end of the day I do want to win."

As much as she has been a blur on the slopes in 2016-17, Thompson said it feels like the season has zoomed by as well with its onslaught of races.

Following last weekend's triumph in Russia, she didn't have much time to celebrate. She was whisked away back to Canada and made her way to Blue Mountain on Monday.

When the final World Cup race is over she will shift her focus to the Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships held at Spain's Sierra Nevada. The ski cross finals will take place on March 18.

"Once everything is said and done I'm going to go home and just rest for a while because it's been a long season," Thompson said. "We've had so many races since December it will be nice to relax."

NBA

Wizards edge the Warriors

Kevin Durant injured his left knee and departed after only 93 seconds, Golden State trailed by as many as 19 points in the first quarter, and Stephen Curry missed a potential go-ahead 3-pointer late, all leading to a 112-108 victory for the Washington Wizards, who got a career high-tying 19 assists from John Wall on Tuesday night.

Durant hyperextended his knee and will have an MRI exam after teammate Zaza Pachulia was pushed into him by Washington centre Marcin Gortat. Bradley Beal scored 25 points and Markieff Morris added 22, including a pair of free throws after Curry's 3 was off-target in the final 10 seconds.

Washington had broken a 108-all tie when Otto Porter made two foul shots after being fouled by Curry on a putback attempt with 17.5 seconds remaining. Curry scored 25 points but made only 2 of 9 tries from behind the arc.

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CURLING

Koe's team remotivated, gearing up to defend Canadian men's title

If Kevin Koe and his teammates are experiencing something like curling's version of the Stanley Cup hangover, they say the Brier is more than enough to snap them out of it. Koe, third Marc Kennedy, second Brent Laing and lead Ben Hebert head to the Tim Hortons Brier in St. John's N.L., as the defending Canadian and world champions.

They have struggled a bit since winning those titles, taking a couple of World Curling Tour events earlier this season but making the playoffs in just one of four Grand Slam tournaments. They went 2-4 in December's Canada Cup of Curling, which they'd won the previous year.

Koe's team has shown signs of coming around recently and was on its game at the Pinty's All-Star Skins Game in Banff.

2-4

The disappointing record Koe and his team had at last year's Canada Cup of Curling.

Alta., winning \$75,000 out an available \$100,000 in early February. Kennedy said it can take awhile to stoke the competitive fires again after winning the sport's big prize.

"I don't want to make any excuses," he said. "I really don't. But it's certainly hard to get motivated as quickly as you normally would." The Calgary team out of the Glencoe Club will wear the Maple Leaf in St. John's as Team Canada when the main

draw starts Saturday at Mile One Centre. They open against Quebec's Jean-Michel Menard, the 2006 champion.

The field also includes reigning Olympic champion Brad Jacobs from Northern Ontario, former Canadian and world champion Glenn Howard out of Ontario, B.C.'s John Morris, Manitoba's Mike McEwen and former Olympic champion Brad Gushue representing the host province. Beating a stacked Brier field to play in a world championship in Edmonton is motivating for Koe's team.

"We won everything last year and we didn't have too much to play for early in the year," Koe said. "We've been kind of gearing up for this event. This will be a big test for us."

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Crispy Cobb Salad



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This mainstay of American luncheonette provides plenty of vitamins and minerals.

Ready in 1 hour 30 minutes

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 6 bacon slices
- head of lettuce (eg. romaine)
- 4 oz feta, crumbled
- 1 avocado, make 1 inch dice
- 2 tomatoes, make 1 - 2 inch dice
- 2 chicken breasts
- For marinade:
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- For dressing:
- 1/3 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp honey
- 1/2 cup olive oil

• salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Whisk together marinade ingredients. Place chicken in a shallow bowl and cover in marinade. Cover in cling film and place in the fridge for 10 to 30 minutes.
2. Place dressing ingredients in a jar, put on lid, and shake. Set aside.
3. Sauté bacon until crisp. Drain on a paper towel. Crumble into small-ish pieces. Bake the breasts in the oven at 375 degrees; for about 35 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 165. Allow the meat to rest for a few minutes and then slice across the breasts to make thin strips.
4. Wash, spin and chop the lettuce. Toss the lettuce in a bit of the dressing, maybe 1/4 cup or so. Make a thin layer of dressed lettuce on a large platter. Next arrange your ingredients in stripes down your platter: tomatoes, avocado, cheese, bacon, chicken, tomato. Serve with dressing.

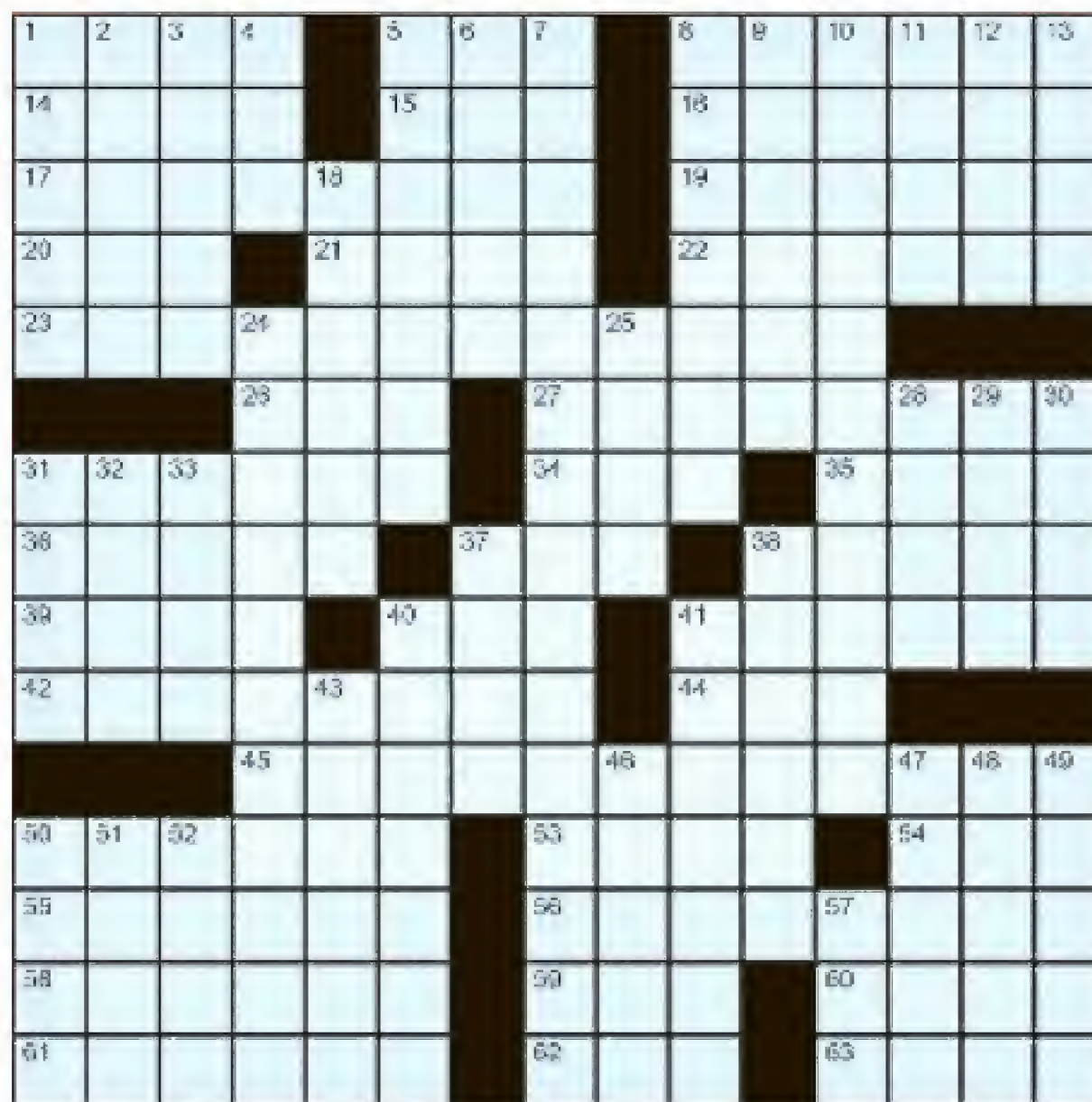
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

1. Canadian as Cdn.
5. ___-relief
8. Premier of the Province of Canada, from 1854 to 1856, Sir Allan ___ (b.1798 - d.1862)
14. Stethoscope sound
15. L'il Edmonton transport
16. Getting ___ (Employee's wish)
17. Neil Peart's time to shine: 2 wds.
19. Stuff in tea
20. Olympic sprint champion from Jamaica ...his initials-sharers
21. "Trainspotting" (1996) star Mr. Bremner
22. "Insensitive" songstress Jann's
23. First day of Lent: 2 wds.
26. Madness: "___ House"
27. Tracked toy racers: 2 wds.
31. Turbulent
34. Golf standard
35. "Drive thy business ___ will drive thee." - Benjamin Franklin
36. Pulls on
37. Classify
38. Oscar-winning actress Jessica
39. Nero's 591
40. Chairman Mao's military gr.
41. Like some not-suitable-for-all movies: wd. + letter
42. Where to find "Savoy Truffle" on The Beatles' "White Album": 2 wds.



44. Pub drink
45. Terrain in "Bud the Spud" by Stompin' Tom Connors: 3 wds.
50. Celebrated
53. Triple letters here
54. Journey's "___ Way You Want It"
55. Poet T.S., and surnamesakes

56. Belonging to Edmonton's locale
58. Beside: 2 wds.
59. Gladiator's 551
60. ___ Space Museum of Calgary
61. Begins to take effect: 2 wds.
62. Roosted
63. Choir-performed

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DOWN

1. Per ___ Ad Astra (Through adversity to the stars)
2. Digs
3. Makeup kit item
4. A.m.e.r.i.c.a.n. b.a.n.d.

5. Fluff-the-hair
6. "Over the Rainbow" co-composer Harold
7. Neolithic artifacts: 2 wds.
8. Bull's bane in Spain
9. Mount ___ (Biblical peak for Noah)

10. Like chocolate-in-the-middle Smarties
11. "The Whole ___ Yards" (2000)
12. Pet Shop Boys hit: "It's ___"
13. Stiller and Afleck
18. No. ___ (Biting midges)
24. Construction site footwear, fun-style: 2 wds.
25. Smelling waste
28. "Rule, Britannia" composer
29. John ___ (Lorna Doone's beloved in literature)
30. "The Best of Times" band
31. Director Mr. Pollack, et al.
32. Denny DeVito sitcom
33. Post-vinyl music's whereabouts: wd. + acr.
37. Promote
38. Nan A. ___ (Book publisher)
40. Fish, in Feb-ville
41. Welsh ___ (Melted cheese-on-toast dish)
43. "Tutti ___"
46. ___ story (Narrate)
47. "Ahoy, ___"
48. Make munitions-less
49. Vacuum brand
50. Marshes
51. Sailor's sheltered side
52. Combined/blended, archaically
57. "Way to go!"

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful, because today you are tempted to do something rash. Heads up! Get centered and get a hold of yourself so you don't do something you later regret.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You feel restless today. The important thing to know is that this is just a temporary vibe that will grab you by the throat. Don't worry about it, because this will be gone by tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Quite likely, a friend will say or do something that surprises you or catches you off guard. Be ready for this. Remember: Count to five before you react.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A discussion with a boss or parent will be unusual today. He or she might throw you a curveball or do something you don't expect. (Don't quit your day job.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Travel plans will change today, or they might be canceled or delayed. On the other hand, you might suddenly have to travel even if you didn't expect to do so. Stay flexible today.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Double-check all details concerning inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt and insurance issues, because something might change suddenly. Be sure you know what's happening.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A partner or close friend might act weird or unusual today, or perhaps he or she will have a strange request. Don't overreact — whatever happens will be history in a few days.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your work routine will change today because of something unexpected. Staff shortages, computer crashes, equipment breakdowns and canceled appointments are just some examples. Steady as she goes.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. Likewise, romantic couples might have a spat. This is a minor influence, but it's there. Keep your eyes open.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down, or minor breakages could occur. Someone unexpected might knock on your door.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Surprise news might reach you today, or someone close to you might do something unexpected. On the upside, you can think outside of the box and dream up good ideas.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Watch your money and cash flow today, because you might find money or you might lose money. Similarly, guard your possessions against loss or theft.

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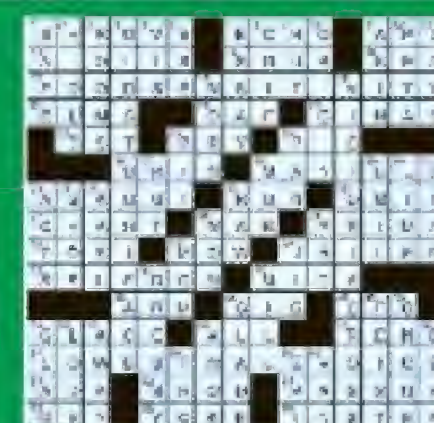
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